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THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Notice Sir."

SRI B. SANKARAYYA :—" రహస్య బాలెట్ వోటింగు పెట్టినట్లయితే ఎంతో డబ్బు వ్యయమౌతుందని, అయినా హెచ్చు లాభము ఉండదని ఎంతో కాలం కూడా వృథాపుచ్చవలసి వస్తుందని చెప్పారు. అయితే చేతులెత్తు పద్ధతులువల్ల గ్రామాలలో కొట్లాటలు హెచ్చుపెరిగిపోతాయని ప్రజలు ఎన్నో వ్యయ ప్రయాసలకు లోనుగావలసి వస్తుందని, పైగా ఆఫీసర్లలో లంచగొండితనం హెచ్చు అక్రమాలు జరుగుటకు అవకాశమున్నదని ప్రభుత్వంవారికి తెలుసునా? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Notice Sir."

Mode of elections for panchayats.

* 14 Q.—SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether election for both major and minor panchayats will be held by secret ballot?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" No; elections to Class I panchayats (which roughly correspond to the old major panchayats) will be held by secret ballot and those to Class II panchayats (corresponding to the old minor panchayats) will be held by show of hands."

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" ఆర్యా, ఈ సభలోను, వెలుపల కూడా public opinion ఇందుకు విరుద్ధంగా ఉన్నదనే విషయం ఈ రోజుకైనా గుర్తించి చేతులెత్తుట ద్వారా ఎన్నికలు జరుపుట మానివేసి రహస్య పద్ధతిని ఎన్నికలు జరుపుటకు ఏర్పాట్లు చేస్తారా? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" I think there are also many people who have approved of this system."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOUD :—" అయ్యా, గౌరవనీయులగు మంత్రిగారు, చేతులెత్తుటద్వారా ఎన్నికలు జరుపు పద్ధతి పూర్వంనుంచి అనుసరింపబడుతోందని చెప్పి ఉన్నారు. కాని ఆ రోజులలో వయోజన వోటింగు హక్కు ప్రజలకు లేదని, కొద్ది మందికి మాత్రమే అట్టి హక్కు ఉండెడిదని వారు జ్ఞాపకముంచుకున్నారా? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" It is true, but the system was there."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" വോട്ടർമാരിൽ ഭൂരിപക്ഷവും പാവപ്പെട്ട കുടിയാന്മാരൊ കർഷക തൊഴിലാളികളൊ ആണെന്ന സംഗതിയും അവർ പരസ്യമായി തങ്ങളുടെ വോട്ട് രേഖപ്പെടുത്തിയാൽ ജന്മിമാർക്കും പണക്കാർക്കും എതിരാകയാൽ അവരോട് വിദ്വേഷവും കോപവുമുണ്ടാകുമെന്ന പരമാർത്ഥവും, ഈ വക കാരണങ്ങളെക്കൊണ്ടുതന്നെ ഗ്രാമങ്ങളിൽ മർദ്ദനവും അസ്വാസ്ഥ്യവുമുണ്ടാകാനിടയുണ്ടെന്ന യാഥാർത്ഥ്യവും മനസ്സിലാക്കികൊണ്ട് പഞ്ചായത്ത് തിരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പ് രഹസ്യബാലട്ടായിതന്നെ നടത്തുവാൻ ഗവർമ്മെണ്ട് നടപടിയെടുക്കുമൊ? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Notice, Sir."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Will the Government see that these panchayat elections are conducted on the lines of the General Elections and the abuses that happened during the recent Municipal elections are avoided? "

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THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" This will be considered when the Act is amended."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" When the new Panchayat Act is in force, is it legally right to conduct the panchayat elections on the old basis? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" That is a question asking for legal opinion."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" అయ్యా, ఈ పంచాయితీ ఎన్నికల గురించి చర్చించుటకుగాను అర్ధ గంట డిబేటు కావాలని కోరుతున్నాను."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I don't understand what the hon. Member is saying. I only understand the word ' half-hour debate '."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" ఇది చాలా ముఖ్యమైనటువంటి విషయం. దీనిపై అభిప్రాయ భేదాలు, విమర్శలు ఉన్నాయి. ఆంధ్ర కాంగ్రెస్ కమిటీ అధ్యక్షుడు సంజీవ రెడ్డిగారు . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is making a speech. This is Question Hour and he cannot make a speech now. I now pass on to the next question."

Alleged arson in Chirakkal taluk.

* 15 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that many houses in Chirakkal taluk including those of K. P. R. Gopalan, Kalliyasseri, Kanthalot Kunhambu of Pappinisseri and Navicheri Manikkam of Kuttyeri were either demolished or damaged by the goondas with the aid of the police during 1948–49, and if so, what action has been taken?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" There was loot, murder and arson in Chirakkal taluk in 1948 and 1949 attributed to Communists whereupon police took action. A few thatched buildings occupied by Communists were found pulled down. The police suspected that this was done by those who went underground to counter the allegations of grave crime made against them. It is difficult now after three years to say with any degree of certainty what really was the case.

" It is not true to say the houses of the persons referred to were damaged or demolished by goondas with the aid of the police. The question of taking action in the matter does not, therefore, arise."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" അണ്ടർഗ്രൗണ്ടിൽ പോയിട്ടുള്ള കമ്മ്യൂണിസ്റ്റുകാർ തങ്ങളുടെ വീടുകൾതന്നെ പൊളിച്ചുനീക്കുവാനോ തകർക്കുവാനോ ഇടയില്ലാത്തതിനാലും, കുടിലുകൾ അല്ല, വലിയ വീടുകൾതന്നെ പൊതുജനങ്ങളുടേയും അധികൃതന്മാരുടേയും ശ്രദ്ധയിൽപ്പെടാതെ നാശപ്പെടുത്തുവാനോ നഷ്ടപ്പെടുത്തുവാനോ സാദ്ധ്യമല്ലെന്നതിനാലും, ഈ ചോദ്യത്തിലുന്നയിച്ച സംഗതികൾ തെളിയിക്കുവാൻ ആ നാട്ടിലുള്ള ജനങ്ങൾ തയ്യാറാണെന്നതിനാലും ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടു അന്വേഷണം നടത്തുമോ ?